(e) what is the amount so far provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G..K. VASAN): (a) and (b) The Indian National Shipowners' Association which represents Indian Shipping Companies holding 90% of the Indian tonnage has represented for creation of Rs.10,000 crore Corpus for providing credit facilities to Indian Shipping Companies for acquisition of ships as the recent global economic slow down has resulted in depressed earnings for shipping companies and credit crunch.

(c) to (e) Although, in the liberalization era Government is not committed to providing soft loans for acquisition of ships, at the behest of Finance Ministry, Indian Bank's Association had constituted a Working Group to examine the proposed extension of credit facilities to Shipping Companies in India for purchase of ships. Indian Bank Association has recently advised that they have no role to play in the matter and the Shipping Company should take up the matter with the individual banks. No soft loan could yet be provided to the Shipping companies.

Tax on corporate income

*159. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's tax on corporate income is a shade lower than that of the United States of America (USA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In India, the income-tax on the income of a domestic company is levied at a flat rate of 30 per cent. Further, the income-tax so calculated is increased by a surcharge, if the total income exceeds Rs.1 crore. The surcharge is levied at the rate of 10 per cent of such income-tax in the case of a domestic company and at the rate of 2.5 per cent in the case of company other than a domestic company. Education Cess and Higher and Secondary Education Cess are also levied at the rate of 2 per cent and 1 per cent respectively. In the United States of America, the Federal income tax rates for Corporations vary from 15 per cent to 39 per cent, depending upon the amount of income and the slab in which such income falls.

Capacity enhancement of ports

*160. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of ports in the country would be increased to 1000 million tonnes from 750 million tonnes by the end of the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the areas covered in Andhra Pradesh especially for Visakhapatnam and Machhilipatnam?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G..K. VASAN): (a) The capacity of the 12 Major Ports under the Central Government was 504.75 million MT in 2006-07. By 2011-12 *i.e.* by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the capacity is projected to be increased to 1016.35 million MT.

(b) A statement giving the break-up of the projected capacity creation in Major Ports in the Eleventh Five Year Plan is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The development of Machhlipatnam is the responsibility of the concerned State Government as it is a Non-Major Port. In respect of Visakhapatnam Port which is a Major Port in Andhra Pradesh, its capacity is projected to be 110.90 million MT in 2011-12 with the addition of 52.40 million MT capacity during the Eleventh Five Year Plan by implementing the following schemes:-

(i) Development of WQ 6 Berth.

(ii) Installation of Mechanized facilities at WQ 7 berth.

(iii) Construction of WQ 8 berth.

(iv) Development of East docks in the inner harbour (2 berths with ancillary facilities).

(v) Construction of EQ 10 berth.

(vi) Outer harbour expansion project.

(vii) Strengthening of EQ5, EQ6, EQ7, WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4 WQ5 berths to cater to 12.5 m draft vessels.

(viii) Extension of Container Terminal.

(ix) Additional oil handling facilities for POL.

(x) Development of Single Point Mooring facility by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

(xi) Productivity measure schemes.

Statement

Capacity Creation in Major Ports in the Eleventh Plan

(Million Metric Tonnes)

Port	Existing Capacity 2006-07	Capacity Addition by 2011-12	Total Capacity in 2011-12
1	2	3	4
Kolkata	13.40	18.85	32.25
Haldia	43.50	21.20	64.70

1	2	3	4
Paradip	56.00	55.00	111.00
Visakhapatnam	58.50	52.40	110.90
Ennore	13.00	51.20	64.20
Chennai	50.00	23.50	73.50
Tuticorin	20.55	43.43	63.98
Cochin	20.15	35.40	55.55
New Mangalore	41.30	22.50	63.80
Mormugao	30.00	37.46	67.46
Mumbai	44.65	48.16	92.81
Jawaharlal Nehru	52.40	43.90	96.30
Kandla	61.30	58.80	120.10
TOTAL	504.75	511.80	1016.55

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Modernization of small and medium size airports

1021. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has neglected modernization of small and medium size airports under its control; and

(b) the details of any improvements at airports like Coimbatore, Madurai, and Siliguri?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Development/expansion of airports is a continuous process taking into account the commercial viability, traffic potential/demands, commitment of airlines to operate through the specific airports etc. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) have planned/taken up development/modernisation works for Coimbatore, Madurai and Siliguri airports as under:

At Coimbatore Airport, the works related to expansion and modification of existing terminal building for 600 passengers are in progress with probable date of completion (PDC) by April, 2010. The work related to construction of part parallel taxiway, extension of apron and strengthening of old apron and allied works are also in progress with PDC by October 2009.